on behalf of powerloom owners in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representations, *inter alia* seek relaxation in the reservation of certain fabrics for exclusive production in the handloom sector, allocation of controlled cloth for production in the powerloom sector, restoration of advantage in favour of powerlooms vis-a-vis the organised mill sector, modernisation of powerlooms, provision of credit and formation of corporations to promote marketing and export of powerloom cloth.

Government do not propose to disturb the policy of providing protection to handlooms by reserving articles for their exclusive production in the handloom sector. It is not proposed to allocate controlled cloth for production in the powerloom sector as the policy is to transfer this production to the handloom sector. Government have constituted a Task Force to study the present flow of credit and to suggest measures to augment the flow of credit both for working capital and term-loans for modernisation. The State Governments have been requested to encourage formation of powerloom cooperatives so as to facilitate the provision of credit and marketing facilities. The existing policy provides that the healthy development of the powerloom sector should take place in the context of parity between powerlooms in the organised mill sector and in the unorganised powerloom sector.

**बिहार में अजगैवीनाथ महादेव मन्दिर की यात्रा करने वाले तीर्थ यात्रियों के लिए विभिन्न सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था**

1802. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या **पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार बिहार के भागलपुर जिले के सुल्तानगंज में स्थित अजगैवीनाथ महादेव मन्दिर तक जाने के लिए संपर्क सड़क तथा परिवहन सहित पर्याप्त सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिये क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है जहां प्रत्येक वर्ष श्रावण के महीने में लाखों भक्त एकत्रित होते हैं ?

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर) :** पर्यटन मंत्रालय राज्य सरकारों से मिलने वाली केवल ऐसी परियोजनाओं के लिए वित्तीय सहायता देता है जो योजना आयोग से अनुमोदित स्कीमों के दायरे के अंतर्गत आती हैं। पर्यटन मंत्रालय को भागलपुर जिले के सुल्तानगंज स्थित अजगैवीनाथ महादेव मन्दिर में पर्यटक सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के बारे में बिहार सरकार से अभी तक कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

**Licences for Multi-purpose Fishing Vessels**

1803. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many licences have so far been issued for the acquisition of Multi-purpose flashing vessels under the 100 per cent export-oriented industry by his Ministry; and

(b) what are the guidelines issued to the financial institutions for funding purchase of these vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Eighty seven letters of approval for the acquisition of multi-purpose tra-